

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

County of San Diego

DATE: April 4, 2005      DEPT. 71      REPORTER A: Peter Stewart      CSR# 3184  
PRESENT HON. RONALD S. PRAGER      REPORTER B:      CSR#  
JUDGE

CLERK: Kathleen Sandoval

BAILIFF: Enrique Rodriquez

REPORTER'S ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 120128

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JUDICIAL COUNSEL  
COORDINATION PROCEEDINGS  
NO. JCCP 4221  
CASES 1,11,111, AND 1V

TITLE [Rule 1550(b)]  
NATURAL GAS

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## INDEXING CASES

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10:05 a.m. This being the time previously set for **Status Conference** in the above entitled cause Court convenes with counsel as noted on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full. Seated at counsel table are:

Barry Himmelstein of Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein  
Joseph W. Cotchett of Cotchett, Pitre, Simon & McCarthy  
Brad Baker of Baker Burton & Lundy  
Joel B. Kleinman of Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky  
Jeffrey M. Shohet of Piper Rudnick Gary Cary

The Court approves Natural Gas Plaintiff's (Pipeline) ex-parte request for \$19,152,505.02.in Entry of Third Distribution Order with Respect to El Paso Settlement.

The Court designates the following firms to serve as Class Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel:

Lieff Cabraser, Heinmann & Bernstein, LLP and Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack for Class Plaintiffs and Joseph Cotchet of Cotchett, Pitri, Simon & McCarthy for Non-Class Plaintiffs.

Discovery Stay is lifted as of today's date.

**The Court sets the following dates on Pre-emption Issue :**

File and Serve April 8, 2005,

Opposition due May 13, 2005,

Reply June 3, 2005.

Ruling June 17, 2005

**Oral Argument June 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.**

**On the consolidated complaints, the 17200 claim and all remaining causes of action the Court sets the following dates for Demurrers on both the Class and Non Class Issues contract claims:**

File and Serve May 13, 2005

Opposition June 10, 2005, Reply June 24, 2005

Telephonic ruling July 11, 2005

**Oral Argument on July 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Court will allow counsel to exceed the page limit on the Demurrers, Plaintiff and Defendant 30 pages for moving and opposition and 15 pages for reply.

Court and counsel discuss a proposed protective order. If the Court needs to resolve the Protective Order counsel will try to limit the number of issues and for each issue prepare a page or two for the Court to look at before the conference.

10:30 a.m. Court is adjourned.

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